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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2006, please amend the  
above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.**